

MINISTRY OF AGRO-INDUSTRY AND FOOD SECURITY

COMMUNIQUÉ

Skills and Entrepreneurship Development Programme for Educated Youths in the Non-Sugar Agriculture Sub-Sector

The Ministry of Agro-Industry & Food Security invites expression of interest from young persons holding tertiary level education who wish to be enrolled as trainees for the second sheltered farming incubation park being set up at Ville Bague under the above-mentioned programme, which will be implemented jointly with the Food and Agricultural Research and Extension Institute (FAREI).

The programme is a unique opportunity for educated youths to venture in commercial agricultural production and become self-employed. It is so designed to address the challenging task of fostering greater participation of educated youths in agricultural development and further encourage them in setting up of self-employment activities particularly in the field of innovative agriculture and agro-processing.

Benefits and Incentives

Incubation facilities (access to land; built-up structures fully equipped for sheltered farming and other basic inputs for selected crop production);

Training and mentoring services; and

Monthly stipend of Rs 6,000 provided over a maximum period of 12 months to cover costs of travelling and minor inputs required for implementation of projected agricultural activity.

Profile of Applicants

Resident of Mauritius;

Age below 35 years;

Educated to tertiary level;

Having passionate interest in agriculture; and

Should not be engaged in any kind of employment at time of application and during incubation period.

Mode of Application

Application should be made on prescribed form and addressed to:

*The Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Agro-Industry & Food Security
Level 9, Renganaden Seeneevassen Building,
Port-Louis*

Application form can be downloaded from the Ministry's website on <http://agriculture.govmu.org> or collected at the Ministry as well as the following regional offices of the FAREI:

North: Mapou Model Farm: Tel. 266-1587 or 266-2087

South: Plaisance Demonstration Centre: Tel. 637-8112

Riviere des Anguilles Demonstration Centre: Tel. 626-2554

East: Flacq Model Farm: Tel. 413-8125 or 413-4617

Centre: Information Unit, Extension and Training Department, Level 1, FSC Building, St Pierre. Tel. 433-9352

Closing Date: Friday 17 August 2018

Note:

- i. *The Ministry reserves the right to call only best qualified applicants for interview; and*
- ii. *Beneficiaries will have to follow compulsory training of 6-8 weeks duration conducted by the FAREI.*

**Ministry Agro-Industry & Food Security
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